

MINUTES

—OF THE—

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

Gonecuh Baptist Association,

—HELD WITH—

MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH, BUTLER COUNTY, ALA.

October 17th, 18th and 19th, 1899.

OFFICERS:

M. F. BROOKS, Moderator..... Brewton, Ala.

JNO. D. BRYAN, Clerk and Treasurer..... ~~Brewton~~, Ala.

..... *Georgiana*

The next session of the Association will be held with the
Church at Georgiana, Butler County, Ala., on
Tuesday after the Fourth Sunday in
October, 1900.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading letters and enrolling names of delegates.
2. Election of officers.
3. Appointment of Committee on Preaching.
4. Recognizing messengers from corresponding bodies.
5. Invitation to ministers present, not delegated, with us.
6. Appointment of committees to report during the session—
 1. Time and Place.
 2. Nominations.
 3. Appointment.
 5. Finance.
7. Receiving new churches.
8. Reports of committees appointed at last session.
9. Reports of committees of the present session.
10. Motions and resolutions.
11. Miscellaneous business.
12. Treasurer's report.
13. Disbursements of funds on hand.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. E. Thames,	Brooklyn,	Ala.
R. C. Kirkland,	Volina,	"
S. P. Lindsey,	Evergreen,	"
J. W. Stewart,	Evergreen,	"
J. E. Deer,	Roberts,	"
J. E. Holley,	Flomaton,	"
A. J. Thames,	Georgiana,	"
A. T. Sims,	Georgiana,	"
S. J. Williamson,	Greenville,	"
J. H. Higdon,		
W. M. Rabb,	Garland,	Ala.
W. H. Soyner,	Till,	"
J. K. Jenkins,	Evergreen,	"

MINUTES.

The Conecuh Baptist Association assembled for its Thirteenth Annual Session with the Mt. Olive Baptist Church at 11 o'clock a. m. on Tuesday, October 17, 1899, and was called to order by Bro. M. F. Brooks, the former Moderator, Bro. W. D. Kyle, Clerk.

Letters were read and messengers enrolled from the different churches, as follows:

Arkadelphia—Geo. Lee, J. L. Thompson, A. F. Davis.
Antioch—No report.
Brewton—J. M. Rabb, M. F. Brooks, J. W. Kramer, Hawkins, E. P. Lovelace, W. D. Kyle.
Brushy Creek—No report.
Bethany—No report.
Brooklyn—L. Jones, J. A. Culpepper.
Castleberry—V. Poole, W. R. Watson.
Cedar Creek—Shipp, D. M. Kirkland, M. C. Kirkland,
Catawba Springs—M. C. Crosley.
Chapman—No report.
Damascus—No report.
Evergreen—J. W. Stewart, S. P. Lindsey, P. M. Bruner, M. McCreary, Mrs. M. McCreary, Mrs. J. M. Hardy, Minie Wats, Lillie Doyle, Walter Doyle, Ellen Watson, Powell Elmore, Stephen Currier, Dora Doyle.
Elim—J. E. Deer, J. J. Parker.
Fairfield—No report.
Flomaton—I. D. Stewart, J. E. Holley.
Georgiana—A. J. Thomas, A. T. Sims, Jno. D. Bryan, Mrs. Lou Code.
Greenville—L. M. Bradley, J. G. Little, D. M. Powell.
Holly Grove—S. L. Witherington, J. J. Ray.
Johnsonville—No report.
Mt. Olive—M. T. Brooks, Jesse Stucky, T. C. Grace, L. D. Chancellor.
Mt. Carmel—W. M. Rabb, W. B. Huston, J. H. McClure.
Mt. Pleasant—J. H. Johnson, J. W. Joiner, Young Lee.
New Home—No report.
Starlington—H. F. Gamble.
Old Town—No report.
Olive Branch—G. A. Yates.
Point Pleasant—Letter—no messenger.
Union—W. D. Wright, J. C. Stucky.
Dunham—W. Bert Myers, J. C. Joyner, J. L. Chitty.
New Hope—M. A. Lane, N. S. Cook.
Bethel—Joseph Clements, Geo. W. Johnson.

After reading the letters and correcting roll of messengers, an election of permanent officers was ordered.

On motion of Bro. A. T. Sims, regular rules were suspended, and

vote was taken by acclamation, resulting as follows: M. F. Brooks, Moderator; Jno. D. Bryan, Clerk and Treasurer.

Moderator appointed the following committee on preaching: Bro. W. M. Rabb, and the delegates of Mt. Olive Church.

On motion, adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order at 2 p. m., after prayer and praise service conducted by Bro. A. J. Thames.

A call was made for corresponding messengers, in answer to which the following presented themselves and were seated: Bro. J. M. Fortune, from Selma Association; Brethren J. K. Jenkins, and George Shear.

The following committees were announced by the Moderator to supply the places of absentees:

Foreign Missions—L. M. Bradley, Luther Jones, J. J. Parker.

Christian Education—J. W. Kramer, W. C. Bennett, L. D. Chancellor.

Sunday School—E. P. Lovelace, T. F. Hawkins, I. D. Stewart.

Temperance—I. Spencer, P. M. Bruner.

Orphans' Home—J. W. Stewart, J. G. Little.

Woman's Work—A. J. Thames, S. P. Lindsey.

On a call for petitionary letters Bethel presented a letter, which was referred to the following committee: J. W. Stewart, S. P. Lindsey, J. E. Deer. A favorable report being made, Bethel Church was unanimously received into this body.

REPORT ON PREACHING.

We, your Committee on Preaching, make the following report: Bro. L. M. Bradley to preach to-night at 7:30; Bro. J. W. Kramer the Missionary sermon Wednesday at 11 a. m., October 17, 1899.

W. M. RABB, Chm'n.

REPORT ON INSTITUTE WORK.

The Institute Work, as a part of the regular work of our State Convention, is new, and, as a consequence, many of our brethren are not informed as to the character and object of the work.

The brethren in charge of this special work hold Institutes at centrally located points in different parts of the State. The places, as well as the times of holding the Institutes, are arranged after consultation between the Board and brethren in different parts of the State where Institutes are desired and practicable.

The object of the Institute is to gather together the preachers and other Christian workers in our churches, and, led by able brethren, discuss from day to day such subjects of an experimental, doctrinal and practical character as the brethren deem most suited to the needs of the people. These lectures and discussions aim at informing our people more perfectly along all lines of Christian duty.

A. T. SIMS, Chm'n.

Discussed by Brethren S. P. Lindsey and J. E. Holley, and adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Your Committee note with pleasure a renewed interest in the cause of Missions. For convenience this report will have to do only with Missions in Alabama.

1. It is gratifying to the friends of this cause to know that Bro. W. B. Crumpton has returned to Alabama to take charge of this work. Filled with enthusiasm, and touched with the purifying hand of trial, he is devoting himself to it in a way that can not fail to be fruitful.

Bro. A. J. Preston, as missionary and evangelist in the south and southeast portion of the State, has been busily engaged, and his labors have been blessed.

Bro. J. W. Sandlin, in North and Northeast Alabama, has been engaged in similar work.

We commend the renewed policy of our Board in strengthening our cause at the centres.

In our own Association Bro. J. K. Jenkins has been engaged a part of the present year as missionary and colporter.

Your Committee heartily recommend that our churches press vigorously forward in this work till our whole State is alive to the needs of the greater needs of fields beyond.

Respectfully submitted, JUDIE STEWART, for Committee.

On motion of Bro. A. T. Sims, it was tabled, without discussion, until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Our Home Mission Board has never done a greater work in meeting the vast destitutions, both in city and country, throughout our homeland, than at this time.

Dr. I. T. Tichenor, who has served the denomination long and faithfully as the corresponding secretary of the Board, has, by reason of his advanced age, retired from the principal burdens of this work, and Dr. F. H. Kerfoot has been elected to succeed him. Dr. Kerfoot has accepted and entered enthusiastically upon the work. Dr. K. is in the prime of life, full of power and enthusiasm.

Objections which some of our brethren urge against the Foreign work can not be urged against Home Missions. Some claim our obligations to our home people should be first met before sending men and money to heathen lands. Now here is an opportunity for all our people who so contend to give their means to the great and pressing needs of the people throughout the frontier sections of all our Southland; the Island of Cuba, and the destitute and growing sections of our towns; the tens of thousands of foreigners who are pouring into our midst, and the poor Red men of the West.

A. T. SIMS, Chm'n.

On motion of Bro. Lovelace, the report was tabled till 10 o'clock to-morrow.

The Association adjourned at 3:30 to meet at 7 o'clock p. m.

NIGHT SESSION.

7 o'clock p. m. Sermon by Bro. Bradley: Ezek. 34:26. After song

and prayer by Bro. Holley, a collection was taken for the Orphans' Home amounting to \$6.46.

The Association then adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. Geo. Shear: Matt. 5:1-16. The Moderator called the Association to order at 9 o'clock.

On motion, Bro. I. Spence was seated as messenger from Old Town Church.

The minutes of the previous day were read and adopted.

On motion, the resolutions in reference to sick Bro. Ray were adopted :

As an expression of regret on the part of this Association, on learning of the severe illness of Bro. M. A. Ray, and as a further token of esteem held by us, both individually and as Baptists, it is hereby

Resolved, That in the absence of Bro. Ray this Association loses one of its most zealous co-laborers, and that we feelingly remember how, within one short year ago, then in the full vigor of manhood, he so earnestly appealed on behalf of the Mt. Olive Church that we hold our next annual association in their midst. And it is sad to realize that at such a time, and upon such an occasion, our brother is debarred the pleasure of being with us.

Resolved further, That the prayers of this Association be and are hereby offered in behalf of the early recovery of our afflicted brother; that our deepest sympathies be extended to his beloved ones; and that the Comforter may be with them in this their great affliction.

Resolved further That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this Association, and that the Clerk be instructed to forward a copy to the wife of Bro. Ray.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee has had such little time, we could not prepare a report which will do justice to the subject, nor reflect credit on this Association. We can do nothing further than to emphasize the importance of Christian endeavors in the work of eradicating the evil of the whiskey traffic from the land, and to say a word of encouragement to the Brotherhood. To do the first, we have only to point to the tremendous influence of the whiskey men in all the departments of business, and to the relentless grip their combines have upon our Government. To do the latter, we desire to say, while drunkenness is still a present blotch upon our fair land and sometimes debauches the membership of our churches, the temperance and prohibition cause has made great strides toward the ultimate accomplishment of the desired end. To removing of drunkenness with its evils entirely from the land and complete destruction of the whiskey business, the most patent evils in the world to-day, we would suggest redoubled diligence and energy on the part of Christians; and as next to create moral sentiment, the exercise of our franchise rightly is the best expression of our principles.

J. H. McCLURE.

AMENDMENT OF TEMPERANCE REPORT.

Reaffirming our allegiance to the cause of temperance, we hereby

declare that we believe the saloon and its influences are the greatest evils under which our country groans; therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That we earnestly pray that God will enable us to rout this evil from our land.

2. That we advise our churches to exclude from their fellowship members who either manufacture, sell or otherwise aid and abet this nefarious business.

3. That we believe in and work for prohibition by legal enactment.

After a lengthy discussion by the following brethren: McClure, Spence, Rabb, Lovelace, Holley, Bradley, and Sims; some discussing with earnest zeal, some with conservatism, some with heat, the report, as amended was adopted.

On motion of Bro. Stewart, discussion of missions was postponed till afternoon.

Two songs were sung by the children of the Orphans' Home, and were very much enjoyed and appreciated by the audience.

By request of Bro. Lovelace, special prayer was offered by Bro. Bradley for Bro. Ray.

11 a. m. Missionary sermon, by Bro. Kramer: Matt. 11:4-5; Matt. 28:19. After the sermon, a collection was taken for State Home and Foreign Missions of \$8.42.

The Association adjourned to meet at 1 p. m.

During the noon recess a most bountiful and appetizing dinner was spread by the good ladies and enjoyed by the large crowd.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Song service and prayer by Bro. Sims. The Association was then called to order at 1 p. m. by the Moderator.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended and the report on nominations read and adopted.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

State Missions—E. P. Lovelace, M. A. Lane, W. C. Crossly.

Home Missions—J. E. Holley, G. A. Yates, J. A. Culpepper.

Foreign Missions—J. W. Kramer, J. G. Little, W. M. Rabb.

Christian Education—S. P. Lindsey, G. R. Farnham, John Rabb.

Woman's Work—A. J. Thames, M. F. Brooks, U. C. Vinson.

Sunday Schools—I. Spence, Ike D. Stewart, J. H. Johnson.

Temperance—C. S. Rabb, M. C. Kirkland, J. H. McClure.

Institute Work—J. E. Holley, W. R. Watson, Geo. Lee.

Orphans' Home—P. M. Bruner, W. T. Smith, H. T. Gamble.

Executive Committee—I. W. Stewart, B. H. Crumpton, P. M. Bruner, C. S. Rabb, L. M. Bradley.

Introductory Sermon—J. W. Kramer, and J. E. Holley, alternate.

Missionary Sermon—B. H. Crumpton, L. M. Bradley, alternate.

Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention—J. W. Kramer, W. T. Smith, A. T. Sims, S. P. Lindsey, A. J. Thames, L. M. Bradley.

Delegates to State Convention—L. M. Bradley, J. W. Kramer, J.

W. Stewart, A. T. Sims, P. M. Bruner, S. P. Lindsey, M. F. Brooks,
J. M. Rabb, C. S. Rabb.

A. T. SIMS,
P. M. BRUNER,
E. P. LOVELACE.

Report on Time and Place read and adopted.

REPORT ON TIME AND PLACE.

We recommend that the next session of the Conecuh Association be held with the church at Georgiana on Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in October, 1900.

A. J. THAMES,
I. D. STEWART,
M. A. KIRKLAND.

Report on Apportionment read and adopted.

APPORTIONMENT.

Antioch.....	\$ 5 00	Flomaton	\$ 10 00
Arkadelphia	5 00	Georgiana	100 00
Brewton	250 00	Greenville	250 00
Brooklyn	25 00	Holly Grove.....	10 00
Bushy Creek	5 00	Mount Olive.....	5 00
Castleberry	20 00	Mt. Pleasant.....	5 00
Catawber Springs.....	5 00	Mt. Carmel.....	5 00
Cedar Creek	10 00	New Home.....	7 00
Chapman	100 00	New Prospect.....	5 00
Damascus	10 00	Old Town	10 00
Elim	25 00	Olive Branch.....	10 00
Evergreen	250 00	Point Pleasant.....	2 50
Fairfield	5 00	Bethel	5 00

J. E. DEER,
JAS. W. CRAMER,
W. R. WATSON.

Two Fifth Sunday meetings announced and held at Sepulga and Gravilla.

Report of Executive Committee was read; discussed by Bro. Lindsey and adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

To the Conecuh Baptist Association :

DEAR BRETHREN:—We ask to submit the following report.

Your Committee have undertaken to carry out the spirit, if not the letter of your instruction of the past, and have put forth every effort to accomplish all that was practicable in the specific work assigned us.

The progress of the work has been very materially retarded by the fact that your Committee has received only one contribution direct, during the past year, until within the past ten days.

Through the generosity of Bro. W. T. Smith, however, who, in response to an appeal from the Chairman, contributed one hundred dollars for this work, which made it practicable for us to employ a Mis-

sionary and Colporteur, Bro. J. K. Jenkins, whose report is hereto appended.

Bro. Jenkins has been actively engaged in this Association since February, and has gone from house to house, visiting, and preaching in the homes of the people, and in our churches, at the same time distributing tracts, which were gratuitously furnished us by our Foreign, Home and Sunday School Boards. Bro. Jenkins has also scattered seventy-one Bibles and Testaments throughout this Association, which he has done at his own charge.

Bro. Jenkins has accomplished a work, the results of which cannot be appreciated fully till the final day of accounts.

Your Committee agreed to pay Bro. Jenkins at the rate of \$400 per year for his services. He has rendered three-fourths of a year, for which we are due him \$300, less amounts of credits, which leaves us still due him a balance of \$81.33 which should be satisfied at this sitting of this body, as the brother has rendered the services, and needs his money.

S. P. LINDSEY.

Chairman Ex. Com.

REPORT OF J. K. JENKINS.

Rev. S. P. Lindsey, Chairman Executive Committee Conecuh Baptist Association:

I herewith hand report of my work as Evangelist and Colporteur for the above Association, from February 1st. to October 17th, the time of this meeting:

Number of days worked, 245; visits made, 713; sermons preached, 135; churches visited, or number of visits made to churches in this Association, 75; miles, traveled, 1,934; pages of tracts given away, 8,200; Bibles sold, 32; Testaments sold, 30; religious books sold, 9; collections taken, 23; churches contributing, 18; total amount of collections taken, \$112.12; number baptized, 6; received by letter, 1; restored, 4. I also assisted in several protracted meetings and quite a number was received by baptism and otherwise.

Respectfully submitted,

J. K. JENKINS.

On motion of Bro. Sims the subject of missions was taken up and the report on Foreign Missions was read, after which a general discussion of State, Home and Foreign Missions was indulged in by brethren Stewart, Kramer, Sims, Rabb, Bradley, Lindsey and Jenkins.

The three reports were adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

At the last meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, in Louisville, Ky., it was resolved in a mass meeting on Foreign Missions to enlarge our work in foreign fields this year, twenty-five per cent.

The Holy Spirit was present in power and we believe He directed this aggressive movement. To put this resolution into effect, ought to be the aim of every Southern Baptist. We falsify ourselves and dishonor God, when we simply resolve, and quit. Better never resolve and then dissolve. Action is what God wants. Several things are necessary in order to make this forward movement a success:

1. A MISSIONARY PASTOR.—Brethren of the ministry, our people

catch our spirit. If we are awake, and the salvation of the world lies on our hearts, our people will follow. If we do not preach missions, pray missions, give for missions, neither will our people. As we must answer at the bar of God, let us throw the responsibility of saving the world where it belongs—upon each individual of God's churches.

2. **INFORMATION**—We must know before we can do. Knowledge of the work, of the workers and their fields is what the people need to arouse them to action. An empty gun may look all right, but it don't kill. An empty head concerning the mission work makes an empty Foreign Mission treasury. Get facts; for the most powerful things in the world are facts. We recommend for this the Foreign Mission Journal and maps, published in Richmond. Also tracts sent free by Dr. Willingham.

3. **EARNEST PRAYER**.—God answers prayer for the mission work the same as he does for other things. In fact, it seems His great heart of love yearns to hear us pray that more laborers be sent into the field, which He says is white unto the harvest. A week of prayer in every church for Foreign Missions would bring a blessing. Try it.

4. **SACRIFICE IN GIVING**.—Most of our giving is tossing odds and ends. Let us give till we feel it—deny ourselves something. Give a day's labor. Our religion began in sacrifice—the sacrifice of Jesus for us. Let us give, then, with his spirit.

Southern Baptists, look how the flag of our country is extending over new fields, opened by the hand of God. Let us send the gospel along with the stars and stripes, into isles of the sea, and to the "utmost parts of the earth."

The reported gifts of this Association last year for Foreign Missions amounted to 4½ cents per member.

Respectfully submitted,
L. M. BRADLEY, Chm'n.

Association adjourned to 6 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

Song and prayer service, conducted by Bro. E. P. Lovelace.

The Moderator called the meeting to order at 6 o'clock.

The Report on Christian Education, after a very interesting discussion by the following brethren, was adopted: Kramer, Lindsey, Stewart, Rabb, W. M., Deer, Bradley, Holley, Johnson, Lee:

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Christian Education beg leave to submit the following report:

1. **OUR MINISTRY**.—Baptists have produced some of the greatest ministers of the world. Christmas Evans, Spurgeon, Bunyan, Carey, Williams, Broadus, John, Paul and a host of others have added to our great heritage; the call now is for an educated ministry. We have, located in Louisville, Ky., our Seminary, second to none in the world. Its faculty are godly, consecrated men. We need money from all the churches to help many who would like to attend, but are not able. The question is not, "Can a man without an education accomplish any good?" but, "Can't he accomplish more good with a Seminary experience?" Our strongest men ought to be at our

weakest places. The world calls for an educated ministry. Texas has eight hundred churches without pastors, and twelve hundred preachers without churches.' She wants an educated ministry.

2. JUDSON INSTITUTE.—This school now can lift up its hands and declare it is the equal of any college for girls. Under Dr. Patrick's administration she has come to the front and stands high among Southern Baptists.

3. HOWARD COLLEGE.—The debt settled, and free from financial embarrassment, great prospects are in store. We hear it is to be endowed and made the Baptist College of the South. We understand its curriculum is higher than ever, and its patronage growing. Recently Miss Nannie Glanberry, of our Association and Miss Weatherly, of Howard, have been instrumentally enabled to fix up the mess hall and beautify the entire dining room.

We recommend large gifts to this great work of the Baptists, and that no Baptists send their children to State Schools when we have good Christian schools to prepare our children for the battles of life.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES W. KRAMER.

Report on Sunday Schools, discussed by Brethren Lovelace, Rabb, W. M., Stewart, I. D., Holley, Kramer, Bradley and adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee would report that there is not as much attention given to the Sunday School work as should be. We find from reading the letters of the Association that nearly all the churches have Sunday Schools, but we regret to learn that the average attendance of the schools is less than 40 per cent of the membership of the churches, and we notice the report of the Point Pleasant school has an average attendance of 28 members, while the membership of the church is only sixteen. We recommend that the brethren of the Association make an earnest effort to enlist more of the membership to engage in the study of God's Holy Word.

Respectfully submitted,

E. P. LOVELESS,

T. F. HAWKINS,

J. STEWART.

Report on Religious Literature, discussed by Brethren Lindsey, Bradley, Stewart, J. W., Rabb, adopted:

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

The great preacher has said "of the making of many books there is no end." There are so many books, papers and magazines in the homes of our people, putting wrong ideas of life before our young people, false traits of character, making the wrong triumphant, until there is a mighty need for strong literature.

1. THE ALABAMA BAPTIST.—This paper is 50 cents cheaper than the majority of our Baptist papers. It is doing a great work for all the objects of the convention and deserves our support.

2. FOREIGN MISSION JOURNAL.—How can a Baptist be without this monthly visitor? and echo answers, "how"? It is so cheap that no Baptist ought to be without it.

3. THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.—The growth of our board at

Nashville has been greatly blessed. We have now a home for our board, and they furnish the best of literature at the lowest prices. We are also grateful for the work of the American Baptist Publication Society, in giving away tracts, bibles etc., in our State.—We recommend that Sunday schools patronize our board.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES W. KRAMER,
M. C. CROSLY,
J. M. RABB.

Report on Woman's Work, discussed by Bro. Holly, adopted:

WOMAN'S WORK.

The general organization of Woman's Work for Missions, as conducted by the boards of the Southern Baptist Convention, was inaugurated in 1888 with thirty two delegate from twelve states. Although some opposition was raised, before the institution was ten years old every state had joined in the work.

These unions have a two fold purpose:

FIRST—To distribute missionary information;

SECOND—To secure the earnest and systematic co-operation of women and children in collecting and raising money for missions. In this way information has been placed in homes where it would never have gone otherwise.

FINANCIAL RESULTS.

We note with pleasure the increased interest in mission work in churches where such organizations exist and the marked increase in amounts given by these churches. In 1887, the year before the organization, the Woman's Mission Societies gave \$17,000. One year later the contributions amounted to \$30,000 and in 1897 they reached the sum \$51,564.80. Last year the societies of this association raised 516,71, (the State raised \$300,790). This year the societies of the association raised \$1,146.00. These figures speak for themselves.

We commend the efforts of these noble women who are organized in a few churches, to all the churches of the association, (and indeed of the American Baptist Convention).

MARCELLUS McCREARY,
A. J. THAMES,
S. P. LINDSEY.

Report on Orphan's Home, discussed by Brethren Stewart, and Holly. In the midst of this interesting discussion, a collection was taken for the Home, amounting to \$14.56, cash, and a large quantity of corn, potatoes, syrup, bed-clothes etc; adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHAN'S HOME.

Our orphanage has been in operation little more than six years. During this time we have received into it 49 boys, and 69 girls, and out of it have gone 28 boys and 27 girls, leaving in the institution 21 boys and 42 girls—63 in all.

These children came from twenty-four counties, as follows:

Autauga,----- 2. Lee,----- 10.

Barbour,-----	8.	Limestone,-----	1.
Bibb,-----	2.	Marengo,-----	4.
Butler,-----	3.	Monroe,-----	4.
Conecuh,-----	2.	Morgan,-----	3.
Covington,-----	8.	Montgomery,-----	7.
Elmore,-----	2.	Pike,-----	2.
Escambia,-----	11.	Russell,-----	1.
Hale,-----	2.	Talladega,-----	8.
Henry,-----	4.	Tallapoosa,-----	2.
Jefferson,-----	15.	Tuscaloosa,-----	9.
Lamar,-----	1.	Walker,-----	6.

The home is situated on Main Street, next door to the Agricultural School, where no tuition is charged, and where all of our children, that are old enough, attend.

The boys are taught to work on the farm, and the girls to do various kinds of house work. The crop the boys were making this year was greatly damaged by a hail-storm early in June.

Mrs. C. W. Ausley, who had been Matron since the Home began, retired from the work with the beginning of this year, and Mrs. Jennie M. Hardy, of Greensboro, was elected to fill that position.

It is gratifying to note the continued improvement in the domestic life of the children. The Matron has arranged one of the rooms for a chapel, and every Sunday afternoon a happy band make melody in their hearts to the Lord.

During this year the children have been put in uniforms, which adds much to their appearance and it is no more expensive than their former dress. It promotes family life.

It takes about ten dollars a day to support the family, beside what they get in goods. They have no income except the offerings of their friends. "It is more blessed to give than receive."

J. W. STEWART, ch'm,
J. B. LITTLE,
J. M. RABB.

Resolution by Bro. Deer, adopted.

RESOLVED, That the women of this association be encouraged to attend as visitors at its sessions, but that it is the sense of this body that it is unscriptural and contrary to Baptist usages to admit them as delegates from the churches, and that the names of such as are now enrolled be stricken from the minutes.

J. E. DEER,

Report of Finance Committee adopted.

Report of Treasurer, Bro. Kyle, read and adopted.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

W. D. Kyle, in account Conecuh Baptist Association.

To amount received Finance Committee and others-----\$146,27

By Cash:

Orphans' Home-----	\$23.70
Foreign Missions-----	25.35
Home and State Missions-----	38.50
Ministerial Education-----	5.70
Missionary Work, Bro. Rabb and Spence-----	22.00
Minutes, Express, Postage etc-----	31.02—\$146,27

W. D. KYLE, Sec. and Tres.

RESOLVED, That the sincere thanks of this body be tendered the good people of Mt. Olive church and vicinity, for their unbounded hospitality, in the bountiful supply of wholesome and appetizing eatables furnished at home and at church, for the many kindnesses and courtesies, and general royal entertainment during this sitting.

On motion the clerk was instructed to have 300 copies of minutes printed from the fund collected for that purpose, and that the minutes be distributed among the several churches in proportion to the amount of fund contributed by each church.

On motion association adjourned sine die.

M. F. BROOKS, Mod.

JNO. D. BRYAN, Clerk.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, who, on producing their credentials, shall be entitled to seats.

Art. 2. The members thus chosen and convened shall be known by the name of the "Conecuh Baptist Association," who shall usurp no authority over the churches in our union, or infringe on any of their internal rights, but shall be merely an advisory council in all matters relative to their internal concerns. It nevertheless, claims authority over its own members, the delegates of the churches, and in justice and propriety must have power to withdraw from and disown all churches that depart from the principles to this compact, by becoming heterodox in faith or disorderly in practice. Its principal business shall be to cultivate union and fellowship with all the churches of Christ, and the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom, especially with those united in the Association.

Art. 3. Every church in our union shall be entitled to three delegates, and for every twenty-five (or fractional part) over fifty members, an additional delegate. Through them shall be transmitted to every annual session of this Association a letter specifying the names of their messengers, number in fellowship, excluded, restored, deceased, licensed or ordained to preach the gospel since last session; also postoffice, Sabbath of meeting, by whom supplied, amount paid pastor, and the amount contributed for the different benevolent objects fostered by this body, and the number, average and attendance at Sunday Schools, also name of Sunday School superintendent.

Art. 4. New churches may be admitted into our union by messengers bringing petitionary letters if upon due examination they be found orderly and orthodox. The moderator shall be elected by, and of the members present, whose duty it shall be to see that the Rules of decorum are strictly observed, and to take the voice of the Association on all the subjects legally introduced. A clerk shall be elected, whose duty it shall be to keep a correct record of all the proceedings and discharge such other duties as may pertain to his office. Also, a Treasurer shall be elected, whose duty it shall be to receive all money belonging to the Association and disburse it as directed by the body, and present annually for insertion in the Minutes a clear and full statement of all receipts and expenditures.

Art. 5. The Association shall furnish the churches with the Minutes of every session in proportion to the Minute fund sent up by each individual church.

Art. 6. The Association shall have a fund supplied by the voluntary contributions of churches, and all money raised during the year for any kind of missionary education, or any other kind of benevolent purposes, shall be sent to the Corresponding Secretary of the State Mission Board, and a duplicate receipt taken by each church and the receipt deposited with the Treasurer of this Association, provided, that the funds for State Missions be held subject to the order of the Executive Committee of this Association.

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of this Association to keep a regular file of printed minutes of every session of this body, and deliver the same to his successor in office.

Art. 8. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by proper Rules of Decorum, which it is authorized to form and amend according to its own views.

Art. 9. This constitution may be altered or amended at regular meetings of the Association by concurring voice of two-thirds of the members.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. At every annual meeting of the Association, immediately after the delegates' names are enrolled, tellers shall be appointed by the Chair, and the Association shall proceed to choose from among their number a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who are to hold their offices until the new ones are chosen.

3. The Moderator shall take the chair every day at the hour to which the Association shall have adjourned on the preceding day; shall immediately call the members to order, and on the appearance of a quorum, shall cause the Minutes of the preceding day to be read.

4. He shall preserve order and decorum; may speak on the points of order in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal from the Association by any two members, on which appeal no member shall speak more than once unless by leave of the Association.

5. He shall rise to put a question, but may state it sitting.

6. Questions shall be distinctly put; those voting in the affirmative shall say aye, and those of a contrary opinion, no. If the Moderator doubts, or a division be called for, the delegates shall divide; those voting in the affirmative shall first arise from their seats, and afterwards those voting in the negative.

7. The Moderator shall appoint all committees, unless otherwise especially directed by the Association.

8. In all cases of election, the Moderator may vote; in other cases he shall not vote. He may speak on any question, provided he shall call some other member to the chair while he is speaking.

9. The Clerk shall enroll the names of the delegates, minute the proceedings of the body, and perform such other duties as the Association may direct.

10. The Treasurer shall receive, account for and pay out all moneys belonging to this body according to the instruction of the Association, and perform such other duties as the Association may direct.

11. When any member is about to speak or deliver any matter to the Association, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address the Moderator, and shall confine himself to the question under debate and avoid personalities.

12. If any member, in speaking or otherwise, transgress the rules of the Association, the Moderator shall, or any member may, call

him to order, in which case the member so called to order shall immediately sit down, unless permitted to explain, and the Association shall, if appealed to, decide on the case, but without debate. If there is no appeal, the decision of the chair shall be submitted to; if the decision be in favor of the member called to order, he shall be at liberty to proceed; otherwise he shall not be permitted to proceed in case any member objects, without leave of the Association.

13. When two or more members rise at once, the Moderator shall name the one to speak first.

14. No member shall speak more than once on the same question without leave of the Association, unless he be the mover, proposer or introducer of the matter pending, in which case he shall be permitted to speak in reply, but not until every member wishing to speak has spoken.

15. Every member who shall be in the house when the question is put, shall give his vote, unless the Association for special reason excuse him.

16. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the chair, or, if in writing, handed to the Moderator and read aloud before debate.

17. Every motion shall be reduced to writing, if the chair or any member desire it.

18. After a motion is stated by the chair, or read aloud by the Clerk, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the body, but may be withdrawn by leave of the Association at any time before a decision or amendment.

19. When a question is under debate no motion shall be entertained but to adjourn, to lay on the table for the previous question, to postpone to a certain day, to commit or amend, to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged; no motion to postpone to a certain day, to commit, or to postpone indefinitely, being decided, shall again be allowed during the session.

20. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, except the Association be engaged in voting.

21. On a previous question there shall be no debate. All incidental questions of order, arising after a motion is made for the previous question and pending such motion, shall be decided, whether on appeal or otherwise, without debate.

22. The previous question shall be in this form: "Shall the main question be now put?" It shall only be admitted when demanded by a majority of the members present; its effect shall be to put an end to all debate and bring the Association to a direct vote upon amendments reported by committee, if any, and then the main question.

23. No motion or a proposition on a different subject from that under consideration, shall be admitted under color of amendment.

24. When a motion has once been made and carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member of the majority to move a reconsideration thereof on the same or succeeding business day, and such motion shall take precedence over all other questions, except a motion to adjourn.

25. No member shall absent himself from the house without leave of the Moderator, or leave the meeting without permission of the Association.

26. Should any member of this Association absent himself before the close of the session, without permission of the body, he shall be marked in the Minutes as absent without leave.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF THE CONECH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1899.

CHURCH.

CHURCH.	State Missions.		Home Missions.		Foreign Missions.		Associat'l Missions.		Bible and Colportage		Ministerial Education—Voucher.		College Buildings—Voucher.		Institute Board.		Orphans' Home.		Home Expenses.				Total.	Value of Property.
	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Minutes.	Pastor's Salary.	Repairs, fuel, the poor, etc.	Sunday schools.						
Arkadelphia	1 00		1 00		1 00																	\$ 30	\$ 350 00	
Bethel		45 00											\$13 00									\$ 50	100 00	
Brevort			6 59																			115 41	2000 00	
Brooklyn		11 40		7 00		7 00	1 71	5 00	2 05				428 50	1 00								10 28	9 00	
Castleberry			1 05	4 65					10 16													3 50		
Catawba Springs																						75	70 00	
Cedar Creek		2 50		2 50	1 50	2 50																1 75	3 65	
Dunham	2 69		2 00																			1 00	50 00	
Elim	2 17	42 37		42 37																		10 00	150 00	
Evergreen																						1 00	150 00	
Flomaton	2 66																					1 00	150 00	
Georgetown		8 66		5 00		42 33		10 33														10 00	58 30	
Greenville		21 50		6 50		5 00																3 45	750 00	
Holly Grove	1 60	65					5 00															3 02	39 02	
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Mt. Carmel	3 00																					2228 20	200 00	
Mt. Olive			90	85																		8 20	50 00	
Mt. Pleasant																						85	50 00	
New Hope																						60	60 00	
Olive Branch		1 60																				10 00	15 00	
Pt. Pleasant	75																					50	50 00	
Starvation	1 00				1 00																	45	25 00	
Union							2 35															150 00	4 35	
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Total	\$14 93	138 68	\$13 54	\$74 42	\$12 97	\$73 39	\$12 76	121 19	\$12 21	\$38 40	\$ 242 27	\$ 3 50	\$52 62	\$4 65	214 88	\$26 55	\$27 66	11	\$2755 70	\$25 35	\$7033 84	\$27800 00		

* Howard College. † Institute debt

Women's, Young People's and Children's Societies: Missions—Sunbeams Evergreen church, cash \$6.58; W. Miss. So., voucher \$25.75, W. Miss. So., voucher, Flomaton church, \$28.46; Greenville church, \$47.75; total, cash \$8.58; voucher \$101.96. Home Expenses—voucher, Brewton church \$31.75; L. W. Chr., Evergreen church, \$24.90; total, \$25.65. Orphans' Home—cash, Brewton church, \$10.00. Sunday Schools: Missions, voucher—Castleberry \$3.25, Evergreen \$4.45, Greenville \$9.40, Holly Grove \$1.60, Mt. Olive \$1.10, Pt. Pleasant \$3.75; total \$108.05. Orphan's Home—Brewton, \$19.75 cash, \$12.50, Castleberry \$7 87, Flomaton \$3.00, Georgiana \$8.00, Greenville \$30.01, total \$61.13.

